

Race and Ethnicity Data

At this time, there are no 2001 or 2002 population estimates by race and ethnicity for Vermont. The following tables are from the 2000 Census. As they become available, race and ethnicity estimates will be included in future editions of this publication.

The non-white population of Vermont increased by nearly 13,000 people from the 1990 Census to the 2000 Census, climbing from 6,907 to 19,619. In 1990, people of non-white race made up 1.2% of Vermont's population, in 2000 they accounted for 3.2%.

There were more race categories in the 2000 Census. The Asian/Pacific Islander category was divided into two groups: Asian; and Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander. People were also able to identify themselves as belonging to more than one race in the 2000 Census.

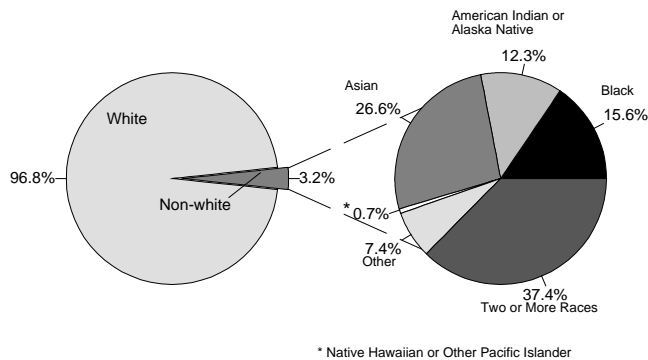


Figure 6. Distribution of Vermont Population, by Race, 2000.

The Hispanic or Latino population in Vermont also grew at a much faster rate than the population as a whole during the 1990's. The Hispanic or Latino Population increased from 3661 to 5504 from 1990 to 2000, an increase of over fifty percent.

The racial and ethnic minority populations in Vermont are heavily concentrated in Chittenden County. While Chittenden County had 24.1% of the total population of Vermont, 35.8% of the non-white population and 28.4% of the Hispanic or Latino population of Vermont resides in Chittenden County. The lone exception being the American Indian or Alaska Native population, where Franklin County has the largest population.

More information about the race and ethnicity categories used here can be found at www.census.gov.